

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Update

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In collaboration with the Governor's Strike Force and the Texas Department of Emergency Management, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was procured to help school systems reopen for the 2019-2021 school year.

Statewide PPE Procurement Overview

PPE Item	Amount Procured	For Whom	Current Status
Disposable masks	50,000,000	Students and staff	Ordered
Gloves	10,000,000	Staff	Ordered
Thermometers	40,000	Students and staff	Ordered
(infrared and no-contact)			
Hand Sanitizer	500,000 gallons	Students and staff	Ordered
Reusable masks	12,500,000	Students and staff	Tentative
Face Shields	TBD	Students and staff	Tentative
Desk Dividers	TBD	Students	Tentative

PPE allotments were calculated by using 2019-2020 student and on-campus staff counts and were allotted on a per pupil, district basis. On-campus staff includes teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, and auxiliary staff. PPE is expected to arrive between mid-July and early August. Districts maintain the discretion and responsibility for distributing the PPE according to their local context.

Immediate Next Steps for School Systems

- 1. Review the 20-21 PPE District Allotments spreadsheet posted on the tea.texas.gov/coronavirus website with district allotments and estimated square footage needs to receive the PPE, which will be packaged on pallets.
- 2. In the coming days, a Qualtrics survey will be sent via the Superintendent Listserv. The Qualtrics survey will include an opportunity to adjust your districts allotment (only to decrease the amount allotted), assign a point of contact to communicate with TEA, and volunteer your district's warehouse for potential regional distribution. Given the urgency to receive this information from a product distribution perspective, superintendents will be asked to submit this survey within a tight timeline. Failure to respond to the survey could result in a significant delay in receiving your district's allotment.

Forthcoming Communication from TEA

- Additional information related to the statewide distribution strategy
- A final 20-21 PPE District Allotments spreadsheet with the tentative PPE items, as well as the product types per PPE (e.g. the model of thermometer).

